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SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

One of the library journals we have available for routing or loan from SELS is *Young Adult Library Services*. It's the official journal of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and has great information to share in serving this important group. I'll highlight some of the information from the Fall 2011 issue – just to give you a glimpse:

- An article on “Teens as Advocates” is particularly timely as we head into the 2012 session of the Nebraska Unicameral. Obviously, you'll first need to build a relationship with teens in your community through programming and a Teen Advisory Board, but once they're involved the potential for impact is tremendous. A teen's presence at a Library Board Meeting or a City Council meeting is likely to get listened to or at least paid notice — it may be an anomaly. There were two ideas shared in the article that I liked — having mini Teen Advisory Board meetings prior to programs to get feedback from teens and the idea from Queens Library (NY) where they made a video of teens expressing why the library was important to them. The librarian put the video on her tablet to share with legislators at their state library legislative day.
- An article on “Summer Library Club” provided the results and evaluation of a successful summer program. (This is kind of nice to think about on this cold day.) Part of the information shared included the reminder that “the concept of literacy has changed, it's not just about taking information in; it's also about being able to express thoughts, ideas, and opinions on a variety of platforms; it's about being transliterate.” They included a definition of transliterate from

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Happy Holidays!



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Library
System on
Facebook!



Southeast Library System Front Porch Award Application

The Front Porch Award is presented to a library (academic, institutional, public or school) that displays ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes patrons to their facility. This award will be presented during National Library Week, April 8-14, 2012 and includes a monetary award of \$100.00.

Enclose the following with your nomination:

Name of Library:

Name of Individual submitting the application:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

- In 250 words or less, state why your library deserves this award.
- Information about activities/programs you have developed for your library.
- Two letters of recommendation from any library supporter.
- Any other information that shows your library deserves this award.

Nominations must be submitted to:

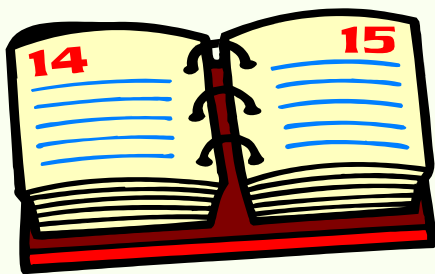
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Application deadline is March 1, 2012



CALENDAR

December 2011

December 8th – CASTL Meeting at Pawnee City Public Library (602 11th St), starting at 10:00 a.m. We'll discuss the Bibliostat Survey report and have an E-Rate update then take a tour of the new library. Bring your favorite gift book for the book talk.

December 15th – Apollo User Support Group will be meeting at the Eiseley Library (1530 Superior Street) at 10:00 a.m. to share tips, and questions. We will wrap up by 1 – and current subscribers, as well as folks just curious about Apollo are welcome to attend.

December 16th – SELS Board Meeting at the Cornhusker Bank Community Room (6100 Apple Way, Lincoln)

January 13th – CASTL Meeting at Geneva Public Library – meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We'll discuss Library Annual Reports. For this month's book discussion please book talk a favorite cozy read of your choice. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

January 9th – 20th – Basic Skills – The Community and the Library. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

January 20th – 24th – ALA Midwinter in Dallas.

February 2nd – SELS *Picture This* Workshop at Seward Memorial Library from 10:00 to 3:00. From 10:00 to 12:00, we'll talk about editing, storing and sharing digital photos (you are welcome to bring your own digital photos). In the afternoon, we'll cover Flickr and Nebraska Memories. More details to follow!

February 9th – CASTL Meeting at Auburn Memorial Library. Topics of conversation will be Nebraskard and the SELS Plan. Also, pick your favorite book published in 2011 to book talk, or read one of the top 5 picked by Heller McAlpin, a New York-based critic who reviews books regularly for NPR.org, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, The San Francisco Chronicle and others. Heller recently selected five books from 2011 that rose to the top from the scores she reads throughout the year, as well as two that continue to enthrall: *The Sense of An Ending* by Julian Barnes; *There But For The* by Ali Smith; *Blue Nights* by Joan Didion; *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach; *Moby-Duck* by Donvan Hohn or Ann Patchett's *State of Wonder* or Yannick Murphy's *The Call*. Also on the agenda will be the round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

February 13th – Nebraska Public Library Survey due

February 17th – SELS Board Meeting at Pawnee City Public Library

February 27th – NLA Legislative Day in Lincoln

March 1st – NEMA/SELS Workshop at Lincoln High.

March 4th – 10th – Teen Tech Week – Geek Out @ your library! This year's theme encourages libraries to throw open their physical and virtual doors to teens and showcase the outstanding technology they offer. Find more information and ideas for celebrating at: <http://teentechweek.ning.com/>.

March 23rd – CASTL meeting at Crete Public Library. Come learn about Mango – an online language learning program with resources for ELL patrons and English speakers wishing to learn a foreign language. For this month's book talk read – *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

March 27th – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries) Meeting at the Lincoln Regional Center.

News Around the System

Forts of Nebraska



A unique donation box

From Plattsmouth Public Library

During a sit-down dinner, writer Jeff Barnes entertained more than sixty library patrons, guests and staff. His expertise about the forts of Nebraska was demonstrated by his PowerPoint presentation showing pictures of past and present forts. He also included the history of many famous people who passed through Nebraska's forts.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious hearty stew and corn muffins followed by an apple cake with hot caramel sauce.

Laura Huliska-Bieth at Fairbury Public Library



From
Karen
Fox,
Fairbury
Public
Library

Tuesday evening, October 25, Fairbury Public Library welcomed illustrator, Laura Huliska-Bieth for an entertaining evening of book reading and drawing. Ms. Huliska-Bieth talked about her career as an illustrator and how she developed the characters when illustrating a children's book. She drew characters from the "Recess Queen" and did an interactive drawing with children in the audience. The evening ended with a book signing. Photos from the program can be found at

Chillin' Out In The Media Center

Written by Austin Placek for Tri County's Journalism Class
Chillin' Out In The Media Center is the new theme for Tri County School's facilities. This theme came from the votes of the high school student body during the 2010 – 2011 school year. After the theme, Mrs. McCain was able to coordinate "cool" decorations such as ice blocks, icicles, and of course, Waddles the Penguin. But how was the famous

penguin made? He is made up of many different supplies; including cloth, newspaper, and trash bags. This amazing penguin was made by Mrs. McCain and her husband, Troy. Mrs. McCain attached the sixteen-foot

penguin by sewing it from the top down to the bottom with a needle and thread. The name "Waddles" was created by students in Mr. Jacobson's room and has been a great conversation piece for the school year.



{News Around the System}

eBooks on Tour in Seward

From Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library

The Seward Memorial Library will be helping patrons gain knowledge about eBooks and e-readers through two different programs this holiday season.

With the "eBooks on Tour" program, Megan Boggs from the library will visit several business locations throughout the community to demonstrate how people can download free eBooks from the library. Dates for these informal sessions have been set throughout December and January at restaurants, coffee shops, bars and more. Anyone can stop by to get a quick lesson, ask questions or find out what eBooks are all about.

I Opened
the Box...
Now
What?



Another program called "I Opened the Box... Now What?" offers several one-hour classes at the library December 27-29 on how to use the Nook, Kindle, iPad, iPod Touch, iPhone or Android device that patrons may have received as gifts.

Weeping Water Public Library Move

From Aimee Morlan, Weeping Water Public Library

The Weeping Water Public Library closed from November 28th to December 2nd to move to our new location – 101 W. Eldora Ave. Students from Weeping Water High School helped with the

move – which included everything from putting shelves in the bookcases, carrying box after box, shelving books, organizing and organizing again. What a great crew!



SELS Friends Cookbooks are still available!

They make great gifts for all the cooks in your life and at \$10 (tax included) you can't beat the price. Pair them with new dishtowels and utensils in a pretty basket and you have a thoughtful holiday gift that's sure to get lots of use!



{News Around the System}

Electronics Exposed in Crete



Photo by Jenn Lempira, News Editor, The Crete News

Story from Crete Staff

Crete hosted an Open House on October 27th, Electronics Exposed, for library customers to get some hands-on experience with new laptops, eReaders and video players. Multiple laptops were purchased through the Nebraska Library Commissions' program, Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities, an effort funded by the US Dept. of Commerce with matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The laptops are available for use within the library. Thanks to the Friends of the Library they also purchased two Kindles, a color and black and white Nook, and Pandigital eReaders that are available for check out. The Friends group also purchased 10 electronic video players, Playaways, that will be available for children to use while visiting the library. The Playaways feature approximately sixty minutes of

\$189 Million Invested in Rural Nebraska

USDA Rural Development in Nebraska reports that more than \$189 million was invested in the state in federal fiscal year 2011. As outlined in the agency's Annual Report, the funds assisted in areas of housing, business and community development, energy, and telecommunications.

"Nebraska communities, businesses and citizens invested millions of dollars in fiscal year 2011, with the support and resources of USDA Rural Development," said Nebraska State Director, Maxine Moul. "Our Nebraska staff strives each year to utilize the financial resources available through USDA Rural Development to help build stronger rural communities throughout the state."

The 2011 Annual Report highlights projects funded in Nebraska.

The report shows \$121.9 million expended for housing, \$29.1 million for community facilities and water and wastewater projects, \$26.6 million for business and energy, \$10.3 for telecommunications and \$1.5 million for distance learning and telemedicine.

Investment in community facilities will benefit 18 communities through \$12 million for projects such as libraries, public safety, community/senior centers,

and health facilities. In Pawnee City, Nebraska, USDA Rural Development assisted with the new **Pawnee City Public Library**. Rural Development provided an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Community Facility loan of \$160,000 and ARRA grant of \$172,000 to assist in purchasing the land that is home to the new 6,500 square foot library that serves more than 1,000 rural patrons. Funds also were used for associated construction costs, costs for plans and design, construction engineering and legal fees.

A Telecommunications Infrastructure loan of \$10.3 million, awarded to Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company, will allow the company to upgrade its entire exchange with fiber cable to each premise. It will also enable more than 700 subscribers to initially have up to five Megabytes both up and down for high speed broadband service.

USDA Rural Development serves to increase economic opportunity and to improve the quality of life for all rural Americans.

Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Reports/NE-USA2011-AR-web.pdf> for a copy of the report or call (402) 437-5563. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/> for additional program information or to locate an USDA Rural Development Office nearest you.



News and Notes



Young Readers Invited to Enter Letters about Literature Contest

Young readers in grades 4 - 12 are invited to write a personal letter to an author for Letters about Literature (LAL), a national reading and writing promotion program. The letter can be to any author (living or dead) from any genre—fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic—explaining how that author's work changed the student's view of the world. This reading and writing promotion is sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target. In Nebraska, Letters about Literature is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book and Nebraska Library Commission.

LAL awards prizes on both the state and national levels. Students compete in three grade levels: Level 1 for grades 4 - 6; Level 2 for grades 7 - 8; and Level 3 for grades 9 - 12. Teachers, librarians, and parents can download free teaching materials on reader response and reflective writing at

www.lettersaboutliterature.org. Submissions must be postmarked by **January 6, 2012**. State winners will be notified in March 2012 and national winners by mid-April. Nebraska-specific information (including letters from Nebraska winners of past contests) is available at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL.html>.

For more information contact Mary Jo Ryan, maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov, 402-471-3434 or 800-307-2665.

Horowhenua Library Trust Goes Up Against LibLime Over Koha Trademark



The Horowhenua Library Trust issued an online plea for help after the Ministry of Economic Development's trademark division gave provisional approval for PTFS LibLime to trademark the Koha brand.

Koha is free software, which the trust developed 12 years ago. The trust intended it to live up to the spirit of its name and be free to users. However, it has been tweaked by LibLime, which intends to charge clients who use it.

The head of the trust, Joann Ransom, says she will lodge an objection to the trademark bid. She says \$9000 has been donated to the fight so far from New Zealand and around the world.

If the trust loses the case, current users will not be affected but others will be stopped from using the software for free.

LibLime chief executive John Yokley says it bought the rights to Koha from Wellington-based Katipo Communications but the company denies that. Rachel Hamilton-Williams from Katipo says it has never owned the software.

Victoria University intellectual property lecturer Aroha Mead says the trust has a high chance of succeeding in its appeal because soon after the software's creation the trust registered it with the Open Source Library System.

"That should satisfy any legal requirement to prove their

ownership and a right for attribution," she says.

Aroha Mead says the case is a warning to others who want to provide free software that they need to register the product properly.

A previous president of New Zealand's open source society, Don Christie, believes LibLime is trying to trademark Koha is because it is losing customers to the free software.

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ALA Offers New "Defend the Freedom to Read" Artwork



The ALA is encouraging libraries to report challenges made on books to improve their confidential database on challenged materials. It's as simple as filling out this online form:

<http://ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/challengeslibrarymaterials/challengereporting/onlinechallengeform/index.cfm>

To read more visit: <http://www.ala.org/challengereporting>

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Wikipedia that I found useful: “The ability to read, write and interact across a range of platforms, tools and media from signing and orality through handwriting, print, TV, radio and film, to digital social networks.” In working with teens we can’t help but be aware of how transliteracy has come to be an unthinking part of their day. The summer program at New York Public Library highlighted in the article was able to quadruple the number of events and attendance – with attendance increasing by over 330%.

- An article on “Outstanding Books in School Libraries” referenced use of *Outstanding Books for the College Bound* as a resource for summer reading lists, collection development, curriculum support, displays, book talks and titles for book groups, both adult and youth.



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- December 8th – Pawnee City Public Library
- January 13th - Geneva Public Library
- February 9th—Auburn Memorial Library
- March 23rd—Crete Public Library
- April 27th—Alice M. Farr library - Aurora
- June 1st—Seward Memorial Library

The OBCB list is multicultural and multigenerational, and has shifted to create more of a balance with literary quality and teen appeal: “Gone is the impression that reading for college-bound students is limited to dusty old classics...”. I love the thoughts included from Stephen Krashen: “Self-selected, voluntary reading has a direct relationship to improving literacy, and while some adults lament a lack of motivation among students to read, the most successful motivator is providing access to interesting, comprehensible reading material.” Certainly ALA as the publisher of *Outstanding Books for the College Bound* (Edited by Angela Carstensen, 2011 – www.ala.org/valsa/booklists/obcb) hopes this title can be a help in providing that access – it certainly seems worthy of investigation.

The YALSA Public Library Evaluation Tool is included in this issue and is intended to be a tool to use in evaluating the library’s success in providing services to teens aged 12-18. They suggest use of the tool by librarians, trustees and friends – and realize that not every element will apply to every library situation. The evaluation tool is divided into seven segments: leadership & professionalism; knowledge of client group; communication, marketing and outreach; administration; knowledge of materials; access to information and services. You can find it online along with additional resources at: www.ala.org/valsa/competencies.

There is much more of interest in this issue of Young Adult Library Services including information on Street Lit and Authors, an Anti-Prom program, and the upcoming 2012 Young Adult Literature Symposium in St. Louis November 2nd – 4th (www.ala.org/yalitsymposium). If you’d like to get on the routing list or borrow the journal please contact the SELS office. I think it’s a great resource for librarians serving teens and young adults.



Library & Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Spring, 2012

January 9 – May 3, 2012

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- History of libraries
- Types of libraries
- Technology
- Physical environments
- Library policies
- Information Databases

For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at mmagee@unmc.edu

LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies

Patty Birch, Instructor

This course will provide students with an understanding of managing collections in libraries and information agencies, including:

- Basics of Collection Management (terminology, models)
- 21st Century Literacies
- Community Analysis
- Selection (All resources, for all age levels)
- Acquisition
- Collection Analysis
- Deselection/Weeding
- Intellectual Freedom
- Copyright
- Resource Sharing

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.

For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at pbirch@esu16.org

LIBR 2490 Library & Information Services Capstone Practicum

Erica Rose, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program and includes 40 hours of field experience in a library and a comprehensive review of the Library & Information Services curriculum.

Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at erica@myclearview.info

For information on 21st Century Librarian Scholarships, see: Nebraska Library Commission website at: <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact:

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There are some things you learn
best in calm, and some in storm.
—Willa Cather

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: www.selsne.org.) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.